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TITLE OF INVENTION: MODIFIED DNA CLEAVAGE ENZYMES AND METHODS FOR USE (AS AMENDED BY ISA)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/585,964

Applicant(s)

GUAN ET AL.

Examiner

DELIA M. RAMIREZ

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/27/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 29,30,32,36-39 and 41-44.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

Claims 18-23, 25, 29-30, 32, 36-39, 41-47 are pending.

Amendment of claims 32, 36-39, 41-44 and cancellation of claims 33-34, 40 as submitted in a communication filed on 7/27/2010 are acknowledged.

In a telephone conversation with Ms Harriet Strimpel on 8/3/2010, an agreement was reached to amend claims 29-30, 36, 38, 42-44 and cancel claims 18-23, 25, 45-47 to place the application in condition for allowance.

In accordance with MPEP 821.04, claims 29-30 are rejoined for examination on the merits in view of the fact that the product claims have been found allowable. The previous restriction between the elected product and the methods of claims 29-30 (Groups IV and V) is hereby withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. In the response filed on 7/27/2010 (Conclusion section), Ms Harriet Strimpel requested an extension of time and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 14-0740 in the amount of \$ 825.00. Ms Strimpel also authorized charging any deficiencies to the same account as stated in the response of 7/27/2010.
2. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms Harriet Strimpel on 8/3/2010. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Please cancel claims 18-23, 25, 45-47.
4. Please replace claims 29-30, 36, 38, 42-44 as follows:

29. A method of forming a shotgun cloning library, comprising:
- (a) incubating the composition of claim 32 with a DNA to form non-sequence specific cleavage fragments of the DNA that are ligatable; the ligatable DNA being capable of insertion into a vector for cloning into a vector for cloning in a host cell; and
 - (b) forming the shotgun cloning library.
30. A method for mapping nicks in a duplex DNA, comprising:
- (a) incubating the composition of claim 32 with the duplex DNA in a manganese-containing buffer;
 - (b) permitting nicking to occur across from a pre-existing nick site to form fragments of the duplex DNA with single strand overhangs; and
 - (c) mapping the nicks in the DNA.
36. The composition according to claim 32, wherein the endonuclease activity comprises greater DNA cleavage activity of the variant T7 Endo I polypeptide in a manganese-containing buffer compared with the DNA cleavage activity of the parent T7 Endo I polypeptide in the manganese-containing buffer.
38. The composition according to claim 32, wherein the endonuclease activity comprises reduced DNA cleavage activity of the variant T7 Endo I polypeptide in a magnesium-containing buffer compared with the DNA cleavage activity of the parent T7 Endo I polypeptide in the magnesium-containing buffer.

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42. The composition according to claim 41, wherein the substitution is a single amino acid substitution, a dipeptide substitution, a tripeptide substitution, or a tetrapeptide substitution; or wherein the deletion is a deletion of the PA dipeptide, deletion of Pro, or deletion of Ala.

43. The composition according to claim 42, wherein the PA dipeptide is substituted with an Ala (A), a Lys (K), a Gly (G), an Asp (D), a Pro (P), an Ala-Ala (AA) dipeptide, an Ala-Gly-Ala (AGA) tripeptide, or a Pro-Ala-Pro-Ala (PAPA) peptide.

44. A kit comprising the composition of claim 41.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Although the prior art discloses variants of the T7 Endo I nuclease, the Examiner has found no teaching or suggestion in the prior art directed to variants of the T7 Endo I nuclease which differ from the wild-type T7 Endo I nuclease only by changes within positions corresponding to positions 44-49 of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 12. Therefore, claims 29-30, 32, 36-39, 41-44, directed to a composition comprising a variant of the T7 Endo I nuclease which differs from the wild-type T7 Endo I nuclease only by changes within positions corresponding to positions 44-49 of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 12, a kit comprising said composition, a method of forming a shotgun cloning library using said composition, and a method for mapping nicks in a duplex DNA using such composition, are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

6. Claims 29-30, 32, 36-39, 41-44 are allowed.

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7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delia M. Ramirez, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0938. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert B. Mondesi, can be reached at (571) 272-0956. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

/Delia M. Ramirez/

Primary Patent Examiner
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DR
August 6, 2010